

LATORRE COMMUNICATIONS

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
Room 8-B201
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Genachowski:

I am writing to express my support of the expansion of broadband wireless capacity in the United States. The company LightSquared plans to invest \$14 billion and generate at least 15,000 jobs each year during its building of a new, next generation wireless broadband network.

After a decade of planning, LightSquared is ready to launch a new innovative 4G-LTE wireless broadband network. This new network will lower prices, increase competition, and improve broadband access in rural areas. LightSquared has developed this network as a way to help America avoid the potentially crippling effect of a shortage of wireless spectrum.

In 2010, the FCC gave LightSquared the permission to build a nationwide network under the condition that the network reach 260 million Americans by 2015; however the FCC has changed its mind. GPS device makers opposed LightSquared network because they design and sell GPS receivers that are designed to "squat" on the spectrum licensed to LightSquared. These GPS devices then experience interference as a direct result of the squatting. Instead of fixing the problem created by their receiver designs, the GPS industry persuaded the FCC to stop working toward a solution that would provide better service and ensure more competition for American consumers. The FCC's decision was a response to political pressure, not the facts or consumer needs.

Without LightSquared's network, Americans will lose out on thousands of job opportunities, quality wireless service, and lower prices! LightSquared deserves a fair, neutral process. It is time for the FCC to figure out a path forward for LightSquared, so the American people can have wireless broadband and fully functioning GPS devices.

Sincerely,



David La Torre, President
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